



OCTOBER 25, 2005

HEALTH ADVISORY

Louisiana Requesting Nurses Through EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact)

The state of Louisiana has issued Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) notices requesting registered nurses. There is an acute shortage of these personnel in Louisiana due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Louisiana is requesting volunteers in the following areas:

- Baton Rouge – registered nurses with the following specialties: critical care, medical surgical, neonatal intensive care, operating room, recovery room, labor and delivery, and licensed practical nurses for medical surgical assignment.
- New Orleans – registered nurses with the following specialties: critical care, medical surgical and licensed practical nurses for medical surgical assignment.

Deployments can be broken down into either 15-day or 30-day deployments.

If you are available for deployment at this time, please respond by noon on Wednesday, October 26, to the following e-mail address: edtech@state.nd.us. If you have not previously registered on the state's Public Health Emergency Volunteer Reserve (PHEVR) database please complete the on-line form at www.ndhan.gov.

Deployment of volunteers from North Dakota will be made through North Dakota Department of Emergency Services using the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Through EMAC, a disaster-impacted state can request and receive assistance from other member states. Responding through EMAC is necessary to ensure that volunteers are protected from unforeseen accidents, injuries and legal actions.

Anyone who has questions about this advisory can contact the North Dakota Department of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section at 701.328.2270.

Categories of Health Alert messages:

- *Health Alert conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.*
- *Health Advisory provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.*
- *Health Update provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; no immediate action necessary.*
- *Health Information provides general information that is not necessarily considered to be of an emergent nature.*

This message is being sent to local public health units, regional emergency preparedness and response coordinators, clinics and hospitals.